

Food Safety and Inspection Service Washington, D.C. 20250

Dr. Mircea Chertes
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Romanian Veterinary Agency
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Dear Dr. Chertes:

The Food Safety and Inspection Service conducted an on-site audit of Romania's meat inspection system from February 21 through March 3, 2000. Enclosed is a copy of the final audit report. Romania's comments on the draft final audit report have been included as an attachment to the enclosed final audit report.

If you have any questions regarding the audit or need additional information, please contact Ms. Sally Stratmoen, Chief of Equivalence, International Policy Division. Her telephone number is (202) 720-3781 and her fax number is (202) 690-4040. She can also be reached by email at sally.stratmoen@usda.gov.

Sincerely,

Sally Stratmoen,

Mark Manis, Director International Policy Division Office of Policy, Program Development and Evaluation

Enclosure